Company will be charged with the duty of coastal navigation and of sea-going shipping, and it is expected that in the course of the next few weeks, a public announcement calling for shares will be forthcoming. The problem of transport is not a short-term problem. This problem is going to last, as I said elsewhere and have to repeat it here, for 6, 7 or 8 years. And the programmes we have to charge ourselves with are programmes dealing with the intensification of cultivation, dealing with the extension of cultivation, dealing with industrialisation of the country in order to get enough money to buy food from outside, which are no longer programmes dealing with the luxuries of the moment but with the necessities of the future. This is all I desire to say upon the food situation now.

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

The Secretary reported to the Council the following Bills which have received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja :—

1. The Travancore Anchal Act (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Travancore Sale of Goods Act (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Travancore High Court Act (Amendment) Bill.
4. The Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill.
5. The Criminal Procedure Code(Amendment) Bill.
6. The Travancore Medical Practitioners' Bill, and
7. The Travancore Special Marriage and Succession Bill.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

President: Under sub-rule (1) of Rule (3) of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I nominate Messrs. N. Krishna Aiyar and K. K. Kuruvilla to be the Panel of Chairmen for the session.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

Rajyasevapravina A. Lekshminarayana Ayyar: Sir, under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 32 of Act II of 1108.

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Demand.	Amount in Rupees.	Particulars.
Budget—1118 M. E.		
VII. P. W. D. Capital Account outside the Revenue Account 50. P. H. E. Civil Works.	3,93,149	For meeting the additional expenditure on works.
VIII. 38. Electrical Works to Government buildings.	2,010	For electrification of the newly constructed cells in the Mental Diseases Hospital, Oolampara.
	11,600	do. do. of staff quarters and two additional wards attached to the Tuberculosis Hospital, Nagercoil.
XXIV. 29. A. Medical (b) dieting charges	10,160	To meet the increased expenditure under dieting charges due to high prices of articles.
XXVI. 30. Public Health and Sanitation. C. Prevention of Epidemics	15,000	For preventive measures against plague and other epidemics.
XXX. 35. Miscellaneous Departments (1) Museum and Government Gardens	2,954	For purchase of certain works of Art, Transport charges of the exhibits to the Shankumukhom Palace, etc.
(2) Broadcasting	6,000	For expenditure other than capital expenditure in connection with broadcasting incurred by the University and the Telephone Departments.

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Demand.	Amount in Rupees.	Particulars.
Budget—1119 M. E.		
VII. 36. P. W. D. (d) Works	50,000	For construction of a building for the Advocate General's Office at Vanchiyoor.
XVIII. 24. Education. Government. Grant to the Travancore University	20,000	For the scheme for the exhibition of educational films.
XIX. 24. Education C. Primary Schools (b) grant-in-aid to Primary Schools	2,29,320	For payment of war allowance to teachers in aided schools.
XX. 25. Agriculture (f) Experimental Farms and Manure Depots	5,605	For the scheme for composting town refuse into manure.
XXXV. Debt Head—III. C. (a) (8) Departmental Advances	4,70,000	For purchasing and stocking manure for sale to ryots.
I. Commercial services.	91,604	For expenditure in connection with the Vanchi Clay Mines and Refinery.
Loss on Investment	1,27,232	On account of loss sustained by Government in respect of shares held in the Central Banking Corporation of Travancore.

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President: Order, order. There is one matter which I hope the honourable members will give me this opportunity to add to my observations. In regard to the Punja cultivation we made certain attempts to get down diesel oil in conjunction with the companies that are distributing the oil. This was done by mutual arrangement between these Companies and certain prominent men in a particular locality, and I find now that most serious charges are being levelled in reputable newspapers of the State, against these agents. A particular newspaper through its Alleppey correspondent, says that the oil is first sold to influential agriculturists, who sell it in the black-market at the high rate of 60 rupees per tin, so that the agriculturists as a whole are put to much difficulty. The point which I wanted to make and which I failed to make by oversight was this. In the matter of procurement of more food and in other matters Government have to rely very largely upon non-official help and official help. So far as officials are concerned, Government's policy has been that they will take every official to be full of the sentiment of duty and loyalty to the Sovereign and this country. But if any back-sliding is brought to the notice of Government, they have no hesitation to deal with it. I must say, notwithstanding certain number of charges that have been proved, the services have generally stood firmly and well. As regards the non-official agency, if allegation of that kind goes unchallenged, then the confidence reposed not only by the Government but by the people will be shaken and the whole system will break down. Therefore when charges are made I take it that it will be the duty of the persons referred to, to prosecute and thereby vindicate their reputation. I am making an appeal to the non-official agency that wherever charges are made directly or indirectly they should take it as their duty—and Government will extend to them the necessary legal help—to refute those charges. We cannot have charges made and left unanswered.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

DEMAND IV—FOREST.

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Iyer: I move that a sum of Rs. 4200 be granted under Demand IV—Forest for

(i) Providing electric connection to Pallom plant—Rs. 2,000.

(ii) Shifting the Ascu Treatment Plant to Shencottah—Rs. 700.

(iii) The construction of a shed for housing the treatment plant, engine etc., at Shencottah—Rs. 1,500.

The amount of Rs. 2,000 for providing electric connection to the Pallom Plant is required to substitute an electric motor for the

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